

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO
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Docket No.
ENDOV-55672

In Re Application Of: Octavian Iancea, et al.

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/090,472	3/4/2002	Vy Q. Bui	24201	3734	5094

Invention: MODULAR GRAFT COMPONENT JUNCTIONS



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Fee Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).		Complete if Known	
Fee TRANSMITTAL for FY 2006		Application Number	10/090,472
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Filing Date	3/4/2002
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)		First Named Inventor	Octavian Iancea
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		Art Unit	3731
		Attorney Docket No.	ENDOV-55672

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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

	Small Entity
Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
50	25
200	100
360	180

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple Dependent Claims
Fee (\$)
Fee Paid (\$)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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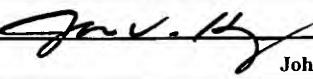
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